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Community *notes*

Grassroots Needs Your Help

Grassroots has already spent all of the money in its food budget and there are still three months left in the fiscal year. This means they are largely dependent on meal donations to provide 3 meals a day for 50 Grassroots' residents. Prepared large dinner meals for can be scheduled or brought in frozen to be used when needed. Contact Kitchen Manager Dorothy Howard, 410-531-6006, dorothyh@grassrootscrisis.org for more information and to schedule a meal.



If you are unable to make a meal of this size but would still like to help, please browse Grassroots' [ongoing list of needs](#). They're looking for pantry items like cereal, coffee, peanut butter, and canned foods as well as household items and baby products. Make sure you look through the Immediate Needs list. Anything helps; thank you for donating.

Spring Fun at the Farm



Clark's Elioak Farm is hosting special weekend events this spring. Enjoy the Teddy Bear Farm event on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7. Bring your favorite bear for contests, sing alongs and more. Or plan a visit during the Equus Film Festival, May 12-14.

Events are planned to honor our moms and members of the military and our veterans. Visit Clark's Elioak Farm's [webpage](#)

Greetings

May has arrived and with the new month, we have lots of events taking place around the county and throughout the region. Hopefully, you will find something new, interesting, informative or just plain fun.

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Celebrate Founder's Day

Community members are invited to attend "Founder's Day: A Celebration of the Vision, Leadership and Legacy of James Rouse" on Tuesday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Smith Theatre at Howard Community College (10901 Little Patuxent Parkway). The event's moderator is Josh Olsen, author of "Better Places, Better Lives: A Biography of James Rouse." The keynote speaker is Harvard University professor of urban planning Ann Forsyth, who will speak about "Health and Well-Being in Columbia: Early Aims and Future Potential."



The event is being presented by the Columbia 50th Birthday Celebration and HCC. It is free and open to the public. [Online registration is encouraged.](#)

Columbia's 50th Birthday Celebration began in March and is continuing through Saturday, October 7, featuring a variety of community organizations and institutions that will be showcasing exhibits, events and activities throughout the 29-week celebration. More information is available at ColumbiaMD50 on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), as well as on [the birthday website](#).

Manuel Barrueco & The Beijing Guitar Duo

Revel in the music of Manuel Barrueco & the Beijing Guitar Duo on Saturday, May 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the Smith Theater. Manuel Barrueco is internationally recognized as one of the most important guitarists of our time. His unique artistry has been continually described as that of a superb instrumentalist and a superior and elegant musician, possessing a seductive sound and uncommon lyrical gifts.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$12 for students, with ages 9-17 free with paying adult. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the [Candlelight Concert Series webpage](#).

Teen Anxiety Workshop for Parents

It's important that we keep our young ones healthy both physically and mentally. For example, exams and standardized tests present an extremely stressful time for students and it is crucial for parents and guardians to know how to identify anxiety and how to help. A workshop is presented on Thursday, May 11, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Bain Center (5470 Ruth Keeton Way). This workshop discusses how to recognize anxiety, help parents gain a better understanding of how to support your child, and ensure that parents don't perpetuate anxious feelings. Admission is \$8 per person. Space is limited; register [online](#) today.



Symphonic POPS Concert

This family-friendly concert brings together blockbuster hits from Broadway, the silver screen, pop songs, and classical favorites. You'll delight in classic movie themes from Dr. Zhivago, Ben Hur, Rocky, The Force Awakens, and more. There will surely be a great many surprises for all. [Purchase your tickets](#) for this can't-miss performance on Saturday, May 20 at the Jim Rouse Theatre.

Community Action Council News

Howard County Head Start is recruiting for the current school year and the next school year. For more information, click [here](#). The application can also be found online at www.cac-hc.org.

With the summer approaching, more and more families are going to rely on the Howard County Food Bank to support their food needs. The Food Bank could use your help in stocking up on fruit cups, juices, cereal, tuna, and healthy protein snacks. In-kind donations should be delivered to the Food Bank (9385-J Gerwig Lane, Columbia).

Financial donations can be used to help fund clients' dairy product needs. CAC spend about \$1,000 per month to purchase milk and eggs to support approximately 500 families. A gift of \$20 helps CAC provide ten families enough milk and eggs. It's easy to donate [online](#).

How to Combat Mosquitoes & Ticks

Town Center Community Association hosts a Tick and Mosquito Prevention Information Session on Friday, May 12, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Learn about ticks in the area, tick prevention techniques, and how to spot the symptoms of Lyme disease. This summer is predicted to be a bad year for ticks, so visit Historic Oakland (5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia) and learn ways to protect you and your family from tick-borne diseases. Presenters will also introduce some interesting facts about mosquitoes and how to combat mosquito breeding in your neighborhood. This session is free, but seating is limited so please to register [online](#).



Mark Your Calendars for Lakefest

Enjoy an entire free weekend when the Columbia Festival of the Arts *Lakefest* returns to Lake Kittamaqundi Friday, June 16 - Sunday, June 18. Celebrate summer with 50+ artists at the Fine Arts and Craft Show. There will be music every hour, kids' art and music activities, Clyde's *HowardOnTap*, and the *Whole Foods Culinary Festival* with Jim Rouse Crab Cakes, family picnic boxes, and festive food vendors. While you are at it, check out amazing affordable ticketed events June 18-25 at the [Columbia Festival of the Arts website](#).

Keep Calm and Bark On!

Columbia Association (CA invites local canines — and their people — to its 10th annual Dog Day Afternoon on Saturday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Columbia DogPark (5901 Rivendell Lane).



Dog lovers can enter their four-legged friends into the Tail-Wagging Contest; Most Fashionable Fashion Show; Biscuit-Eating Contest; and more. Additional entertainment may include raffles, music, food (for humans and dogs),

demos, face painting, a moon bounce (for people only), caricature artists, t-shirts, microchipping (small fee) and much more.

In addition, CA will be collecting items to be donated:

- dry cat and dog food
- canned cat and dog food
- soft treats and biscuit-type treats
- new dog and cat toys (Kong-type indestructible toys are great!)
- blankets and towels
- buckle- or martingale-type collars
- Leashes
- gift cards from pet stores for emergency food and supplies

A portion of the proceeds will benefit a local animal-related nonprofit to be announced. For more information, visit the [event website](#).

Upcoming Events

Beaverbrook Yard Sale

Saturday, May 6, 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Beaverbrook Neighborhood

With 270 households participating, the annual yard sale is great way to meet and greet neighbors and customers. Plan to arrive early to catch some great bargains. Enter Beaverbrook either from Route 108 at the Beaverbrook/Centennial intersection, or from Hesperus Lane in Harper's Choice Village, turn on Castlemoor Drive into the neighborhood.

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival

Saturday, May 6 & Sunday May 7, 8:30 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship

Enjoy storytelling, live music, food, all sorts of demonstrations and crafts, not to mention the hand crafted items for sale and auction. Tickets are \$5 for those 18 and over. For more information and to buy your tickets, visit the [event website](#).

Due to hundreds of animal participants, attendees are asked to please leave their pets at home.

Howard Astronomical League's Star Party

Saturday, May 6, 8:00 — 11:00 p.m.

HAL Observatory at Alpha Ridge Park, Marriottsville

Enjoy the night sky through telescopes set up by HAL members as well as live images of the waxing gibbous Moon on a big screen as seen through the observatory's Watson Telescope. See the [event website](#) for more information and directions.

Native Plant Palooza

Sunday, May 7 12:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Robinson Nature Center

Shop for native plants which will help you can save on the cost of water, fertilizer and pesticides while providing habitat for butterflies, insects and other local wildlife. Howard County Master Gardeners will also be on hand to answer questions. Admission to the sale is free and no registration is required. Children must be accompanied by adult at all times. Visit [RNC website](#) for more information.

St. Louis Church Concert Series

Sunday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.

St. Louis Church

12500 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville

Come spend a memorable afternoon and enjoy diverse musical offerings. The program is free of charge. Additional information can be found at [stlconcertseries.org](#), or by contacting events@stlconcertseries.org or 443-535-1691.

Wine in the Woods

Saturday, May 20 and Sunday May 21

Symphony Woods

Enjoy the 25th year of tastings from 30 wineries, live music and entertainment, while shopping for artisan crafts and hand made art. For tickets, info and more, visit the [WITW website](#).

Merriweather Movie Nights

Downtown Columbia Arts & Culture presents a summer of Merriweather Movie Nights featuring food and drinks from Manor Hill Brewing and Tavern. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with enough time to purchase dinner and head for the lawn before the projector starts rolling at 7:30 p.m. The following movies will be featured in the coming months:

May 27: Grease

June 28: The Last Waltz

July 26: Moana

August 30: School of Rock



General Admission is free, reserve seating is \$10. For more information and to reserve your tickets, visit [DCACC's website](#).

Coming Soon: Ho Co Farmers' Markets

You know spring is finally here when the Howard County Farmers' Markets open for the season. Local and regional farmers will provide the freshest of fruits, vegetables, dairy, eggs, meats and baked goods for your health and enjoyment. Nothing tastes better than the freshest food at its peak. Stop at one of the five locations beginning Wednesday, May 10 and enjoy the bounty of the season! For more information, visit the [HCEDA Farmers' Markets website](#). Travelling around Maryland? You can find out of county Farmers' Markets simply by visiting [MD Department of Agriculture's webpage](#) for more locations.

Maple Lawn Happenings

Maple Lawn residents are hosting their 5th annual community yard sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 in the parking lot behind the Maple Lawn Medical Arts Building (7625 Maple Lawn Blvd, Fulton, MD 20759).

Next weekend, Saturday, May 13, 2017, Maple Lawn hosts the Maryland Half Marathon and 5K. Visit the [website](#) for course information and to register. Please be advised that the races will impact traffic. A Post Race Festival takes place in the afternoon with fun activities for the entire family.



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